

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A tobacco smoke filter ~~which has~~having a tar retention of at most 50% ~~and comprises,~~comprising a relatively high draw resistance downstream filtering plug of at most 50% tar retention, a relatively low draw resistance upstream ~~filter~~filtering plug of at most 22% tar retention spaced longitudinally upstream ~~therefrom~~from the downstream filtering plug, and a filter wrapper engaging around and joining the spaced plugs to define a cavity therebetween, the draw resistance of the downstream filtering plug being greater than the draw resistance of the upstream filtering plug.

2. (Original) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of from 40 to 130 mm.WG.

3. (Currently amended) A filter according to claim 2 wherein ~~the downstream filtering plug has a~~the draw resistance of the downstream filtering plug is from 60 to 110 mm.WG.

4. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention of from 35 to 45%.

5. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of up to 20 mm.WG.

6. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of to 8 to 16 mm.WG.

7. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention of from 14 to 20%.

8. (Previously presented) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the filter wrapper is a ventilating wrapper.

9. (Original) A filter according to claim 8 wherein the filter wrapper is of air-permeable material and/or has one or more ventilating apertures in register with the cavity.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A filter cigarette according to claim ~~10~~17 wherein the filter and the wrapped tobacco rod are joined by ring tipping.

12. (Currently amended) A filter cigarette according to claim ~~10~~17 wherein the filter and the wrapped tobacco rod are joined by a full tipping overwrap, the filter wrapper and the overwrap together ~~providing a defining the pathway for~~ allowing external ventilating air to pass laterally therethrough and into the cavity.

13. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 12 wherein the filter wrapper is of air-permeable material and the tipping overwrap has one or more ventilating apertures in register with the cavity.

14. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 12 wherein the tipping overwrap has one or more ventilating

apertures in register with one or more ventilating apertures in the filter wrapper and with the cavity.

15. (Currently Amended) A filter cigarette according to claim ~~10~~17 having a CO delivery of less than 5 mg. and a CO/tar delivery ratio of less than 0.7.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A filter cigarette comprising:
a filter having a tar retention of at most 50%, the filter having an upstream end and a downstream end and comprising:
a relatively high draw resistance downstream filtering plug having a tar retention of at most 50%;
a relatively low draw resistance upstream filtering plug having a tar retention of at most 22% and being spaced longitudinally upstream from the downstream filtering plug, the draw resistance of the downstream filtering plug being greater than the draw resistance of the upstream filtering plug;
a filter wrapper engaging around and joining the filtering plugs to define a cavity therebetween; and
a pathway for allowing passage of external ventilating air laterally into the cavity; and
a wrapped tobacco rod joined at one end to the upstream end of the filter.

18. (New) A multiple length filter rod comprising:
a plurality of filters each having a tar retention of at most 50%, each of the filters comprising:
a relatively high draw resistance downstream filtering plug having a tar retention of at most 50%; and
a relatively low draw resistance upstream filtering plug having a tar retention of at most 22% and being spaced longitudinally upstream from the downstream filtering plug, the draw resistance of the downstream

filtering plug being greater than the draw resistance of the upstream filtering plug; and

a filter wrapper engaging around and joining the filtering plugs to define a cavity therebetween; wherein the filters are joined integrally to one another end-to-end in a mirror-image relationship. .

19. (New) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 40%.

20. (New) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 18%.

21. (New) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 40%, and the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention of about 18%.

22. (New) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the tar retention of the upstream filtering plug is less than the tar retention of the downstream filtering plug.

~~23. (New) A filter cigarette according to claim 17~~ wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention from 35% to 45%, and the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention from 14% to 20%.

24. (New) A multiple length filter rod according to claim 18 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention from 35% to 45%, and the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention from 14% to 20%.